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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR  
SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. VISIT OF PLO LEADERS MAY HAVE IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS

A PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) DELEGATION  
HEADED BY YASIR ARAFAT AND INCLUDING THE ENTIRE RANGE OF  
PLO LEADERSHIP REPORTEDLY ARRIVED IN MOSCOW NOVEMBER 12  
FOR TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADERS. EMBASSY BEIRUT BELIEVES  
THIS MEETING AND INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH ARAB LEAD-  
ERS INDICATE THAT THE PLO LEADERS HAVE DECIDED TO ACCEPT  
AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE  
TALKS AND ARE ARRIVING AT A CONSENSUS FAVORING AN INDE-  
PENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE. (SECRET) BEIRUT 13009, 11/12.

### 2. OAU TO DISCUSS AFRICAN RELATIONSHIP TO MIDDLE EAST

THE PRINCIPLE TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN  
UNITY (OAU) SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 19-21 WILL BE THE  
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AFRICAN RELATIONSHIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST. ACCORDING TO  
EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA, WHILE THE ARABS ATTEMPT TO SOLIDIFY  
AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR THE ARAB CAUSE, THE AFRICANS WILL  
APPLY PRESSURE FOR AN ARAB-AFRICAN OIL EMBARGO AGAINST

SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA, THE PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES AND

POSSIBLY PORTUGAL ITSELF. (CONFIDENTIAL) ADDIS ABABA  
12873, 11/12.

3. CAMBODIA: POLITICAL TURBULENCE HAS SUBSIDED SOMEWHAT

THREE WEEKS AFTER THE OCTOBER 21 RESHUFFLE OF THE IN TAM  
CABINET, THE FACADE OF UNITY HAS HELD UP QUITE WELL AND  
UNREST IN THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP HAS SUBSIDED FOR THE  
MOMENT. HOWEVER, ECONOMIC GRIEVANCES ARE PILING UP AND  
THE GOVERNMENT IS BRACING FOR STUDENT AND TEACHER DEMON-  
STRATIONS. IF SOCIAL UNREST DOES BREAK OUT, THE CURRENT  
RELATIVE DETENTE AMONG THE POLITICIANS AND FANK SENIORS  
IS LIKELY TO BE AN EARLY CASUALTY. (SECRET) PHNOM PENH  
12383, 11/12 (EXDIS).

4. PRIDE AND JURISDICTION IMPORTANT TO PANAMA

SECRETARY OF THE ARMY CALLOWAY WAS TOLD BY DR. CARLOS  
LOPEZ GUEVARA, APPARENTLY SLATED TO BE THE CHIEF  
PANAMANIAN TREATY NEGOTIATOR, THAT PRIDE AND JURISDIC-  
TION ARE THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES TO PANAMA. LOPEZ  
ALSO SAID THAT A CONTINUATION OF THE US SOUTHERN COMMAND  
(SOUTHCOM) IS INTOLERABLE AND ILLEGAL, BUT INDICATED  
THAT THE OBJECTION IS NOT TO SOUTHCOM PER SE, BUT RA-  
THER TO US INSISTENCE THAT WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE  
PANAMANIAN TERRITORY FOR US MILITARY PURPOSES. (CON-  
FIDENTIAL) PANAMA 6083, 11/12 (EXDIS). RUSH

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